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RESPONSE

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9-46 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 49-76.

The following is a copy of all pending claims:

1. A shoe outsole, comprising:  
an outer member including an inner heel region; and  
an inner member located in the inner heel region and including a ground contacting surface, the inner member having a softer durometer than the outer member.
2. The shoe outsole of claim 1 wherein the inner member contains a liquid.
3. The shoe outsole of claim 1 wherein the inner member contains a gas.
4. The shoe outsole of claim 1 wherein the inner member extends to within about 2 mm of a back edge of the shoe outsole.
5. The shoe outsole of claim 1 wherein the outer member includes an intermediate region, an intermediate member being located in the intermediate region and having a softer durometer than the outer member.

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